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1. SUMMARY: AFTER CONCLUDING DEBATE, COMMITTEE ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION DRAFT RESOLUTION ON VIENNA IN PATTERN OF CONFERENCES. COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED DRAFT REPORTS ON UNEF FINANCING, PERSONNEL QUESTIONS, ADMINISTERATIVE AND BUDGETARY COORDINATION AND PATTERN OF CONFERENCES. AFTER LENGTHY DEBATE COMMITTEE APPROVED NEW ZEALAND DRAFT DECISION, AS AMENDED BY UPPER VOLTA, REQUESTING SYG, IN PREPARING FINAL REVISED BUDGET ESTIMATES, TO BASE HIS ASSUMPTIONS ON QTE HIS LATEST AVAILABLE FORECASTS OF INFLATION UNQTE AND ON PREVAILING CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES. CONTROLLER SAID THIS MEANT $23 MILLION TO BE ADDED FOR EXCHANGE RATES WOULD BE REDUCED BY $12 MILLION REPRESENTING 2 PERCENT CUT IN INFLATION RATE FOR NET INCREASE OF $11 MILLION, OR TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF ABOUT $748 MILLION FOR BIENNIUM. UPPER VOLTA INTRODUCED DRAFT DECISION ON UNIDO. (SEE SEPTEL) PAKISTAN INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION, SPONSORED BY 34 MEMBER STATES, ESTABLISHING 54-MEMBER
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NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL EMERGENCY OF UN.

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END SUMMARY.

2. ITEM 100 - PATTERN OF CONFERENCES: INCLUSION OF VIENNA IN THE PATTER OF CONFERENCES.
DEBATE ON THIS ITEM WAS CONCLUDED, AND THE DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/C.5/L.1289) SPONSORED BY AUSTRIA AND 20 OTHER COUNTRIES WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. IT HAD BEEN AMENDED SLIGHTLY AT SOVIET SUGGESTION TO REFER IN PARA 4 (FOURTH FROM LAST LINE) TO UNITS FINANCED FROM EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDS. IN THE DEBATE INDIA, JAMAICA, GREECE, AND PORTUGAL STRESSED NEED TO TRANSFER UNITS TO LDC'S BUT ALL SUPPORTED BUILDUP IN VINENNA. ITALY, UK, AND BELGIUM SPOKE OF NEED FOR THOROUGH REVIEW NEXT YEAR OF WHICH UNITS SHOULD GO TO VIENNA. JAPAN THOUGHT DIS-ARMAMENT ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE LEFT IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA. EGYPT SAID AUSTRIAN OFFER OF A-2 TOWER SHOULD BE ACCEPTED, AND BELIEVED UNITS CONCERNED WITH INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNO-LOGY AND DISARMENT SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO VIENNA. FRANCE, WHILE COMPLIMENTING AUSTRIA'S GENEROSITY, AGAIN COMPLAIED OF DISADVANTAGES IN TRANSFERRING OR SPLITTING UP UNITS. US SAID IT WELCOMED VIENNA AS THE FUTURE THIRD HOST CITY. AUSTRIA GAVE ASSURANCE THAT IT DID NOT INTEND TO COMPETE WITH NEW YORK OR GENEVA, AND, IN ANSWER TO FRENCH CONCERNS ABOUT SOCIAL FACTORS, REFERRED TO GOOD SCHOOLING (SUBSIDIES FOR ENGLISH AND FRNECH LANGUAGE SCHOOLS) AND APARTMENT SITUATION IN VIENNA.

3. DRAFT FIFTH COMMITTEE REPORTS
DRAFT REPORTS LISTED IN PARA 1 ABOVE WERE APPROVED AFTER ONLY MINOR EDITING REQUESTS. DRAFT ON UN PENSION SYSTEM WAS SUBJECT OF SOME CONTROVERSY BETWEEN US AND USSR DELS, AND DECISION WAS PUT OFF UNTIL DECEMBER15.

4. EFFECTS ON INFLATION AND CURRENCY EXCHANGE
THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF NEW ZEALAND DRAFT DECISION (A/C.5/L.1293) INSTRUCTING SYG, IN PREPARING FINAL REVISED ESTIMATES FOR PROGRAM BUDGET, TO BASE INFLATION ASSUMPTIONS ON HIS LATEST AVAILABLE FORECASTS AND CURRENCY ASSUMPTIONS ON ACUTAL RATES PREVAILING WHEN DOCUMENTS PREPARED. UPPER VOLTA PROPOSED THAT ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE IN 1976 AND 1977 PERFORMANCE REPORTS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ACTUAL RATES OF INFLATION AND CURRENCY FLUCTUATION. PROPOSAL WAS ADOPTED BY 61(US)-8(SOVIET
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BLOC)-5(BENIN, CHINA, COLOMBIA, CUBA, AND ROMANIA). PRACTICAL EFFECT OF DECISION IS DESCRIBED IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

5. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY OF UN
AFTER LENGTHY DEBATE STATEMENTS BY FINLAND, MEXICO, DENMAKR, JAPAN, AND AUSTRALIA, PAKISTAN INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/C.5/L.1286) SPONSORED BY ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, ?ANGLADESH, CANADA, CHAD, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, DENMARK, EGYPT,FINALDN, GHANA, GREECE,

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ICELAND, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN, KENYA, MALAYSIA, NEW ZEALAND, NIGERIA, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, PORTUGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SINGAPORE, SWEDEN, THAILAND, TOGO, TURKEY, UPPER VOLTA AND YUGOSLAVIA. TEXT IS UNCHANGED FROM DRAFT REPORTED REFTEL B.

6. USSR ORALLY PROPOSED TWO AMENDMENTS, (WHICH WE UNDERSTAND SPONSORS WILL REJECT). FIRST AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE REPLACED PARA 4(B) BY QTE THE NEED TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSENSUS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 19TH SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1965, REGARDING THE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES OF THE ORGANIZATION. UNQUOTE SECOND AMENDMENT WOULD ADD 4(E) AS FOLLOWS: QTE THE NEED TO ELIMINATE THE CAUSES IN THE UN BUDGET LEADING TO THE ANNUAL INCREASE OF THE SUM OF THE FINANCIAL DEFICIT OF THE UN. UNQUOTE.

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